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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PAHO - ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 046299

1. POSTS (EXCEPT CARACAS, MEXICO CITY AND SANTIAGO) ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT BY JULY 10TH AT LATEST WITH RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN AND/OR HEALTH MINISTRIES ON ELECTION OF PAHO DIRECTOR. EMBASSIES SHOULD ASK, IN THEIR DISCRETION, WHICH CANDIDATE, IF ANY, THEIR GOVERNMENT IS SUPPORTING. IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT USG WISHES TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE, OTHER THAN INCUMBENT, WHO ATTRACTS MAJORITY SUPPORT.

2. FYI: CANDIDATE ACUNA MONTEVERDE OF MEXICO IN MID-APRIL
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CLAIMED 12 FIRM COMMITMENTS, AS FOLLOWS: ARGENTINA, BAR-

BADOS, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, HAITI, JAMAICA, MEXICO AND NICARAGUA. THE DEPARTMENT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT REPLIES TO PREVIOUS CIRCULARS CONTRADICT SOME OF THESE CLAIMS. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY CARACAS REPORTED JULY 2 THAT CANDIDATE VALLADARES CLAIMED SUPPORT OF BARBADOS, GUYANA, HAITI AND PERU, IN ADDITION TO VENEZUELA.

4. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY BY ADHERENTS OF INCUMBENT, DR. HORWITZ, THAT CHILEAN FONOFF CLAIMS FOLLOWING SUPPORT: ARGENTINA, CHILE, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, HAITI, GUYANA, HONDURAS, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND URUGUAY.

5. CONFLICTING CLAIMS RENDER PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INFORMATION INSUFFICIENTLY RELIABLE TO FORM BASIS FOR DEPARTMENT'S DECISION. NOT ONLY ARE SEVERAL COUNTRIES CLAIMED BY TWO CANDIDATES; IN TWO CASES BY THREE, BUT ALSO, NO CANDIDATE EVEN CLAIMS THE 16 VOTES REQUIRED TO WIN. (PAHO MEMBERSHIP WILL INCREASE TO 30 WITH ADMISSION OF BAHAMAS AT OUTSET OF CONFERENCE NEXT FALL.)

6. THE PAHO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS MEETING AT WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE END OF NEXT WEEK, JULY 10 OR 11. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE HOPE TO AGREE ON THE US POSITION BEFORE THE END OF THE MEETING. SISCO

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